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licensed physician, veterinary surgeon, or a licensed pharmacist, in addition to the fine, his or her license to practice medicine or pharmacy in the State of Florida shall be permanently revoked.

**Drug Addicts—Commitment, Detention, and Treatment. (Chap. 6896, Act June 5, 1915.)**

SECTION 1. That the Florida Hospital for the Insane shall be used for the detention, care, and treatment of all persons addicted to the excessive use of opium, cocaine, their derivatives and compounds, and other narcotic drugs, and the board of commissioners of State institutions shall have the management, control, and the same powers and duties with respect to such persons in said Florida Hospital for the Insane as it [sic] now or may hereafter be possessed by said board with reference to lunatics or insane persons.

SEC. 2. That the superintendent of the said Florida Hospital for the Insane, under the direction of the board of commissioners of State institutions, shall have the care and charge of all persons committed to said Florida Hospital for the Insane under this act. Said board of commissioners of State institutions shall be authorized to employ such physicians, medical attendants, nurses, and other persons as may be necessary in their judgment for the proper administration of this act.

SEC. 3. That all persons who are regularly committed to said Florida Hospital for the Insane, who have been duly adjudged under the provisions of this act to be indigent and addicted to the excessive use of the drugs hereinabove mentioned, shall be admitted to said Florida Hospital for the Insane; but whenever in the opinion of the board of commissioners of State institutions it shall be necessary to restrict the number of admissions of such persons for lack of room or any other reason, said board may notify by mail the county judge of each county in this State of that fact, and after such notice no further commitments shall be made hereunder until said order shall be suspended by said board of commissioners of State institutions.

SEC. 4. That the county judge of the county in which the person addicted to the excessive use of said drugs, or any of them, resides shall have jurisdiction to make and enter an order or orders for the commitment of such person to the said Florida Hospital for the Insane. Said jurisdiction shall be exercised by the filing of a petition by such person voluntarily, in which event said petition need not be verified, or by any other person who shall have first obtained leave of such county judge to make and file said petition, in which event said petition shall state, under oath of the petitioner, the name of the person sought to be committed, his residence, family, physical and financial condition, and the nature and extent of the use of any such drug by such person sought to be committed, and any other facts which may be necessary to inform the court of the condition and situation of the party sought to be committed and of the propriety of such commitment. Upon the presentation of such petition, if made by another than the person sought to be committed, such county judge shall issue his *capias*, which shall be served by the sheriff of such county, commanding the person accused to appear before such county judge for examination at a date named in said *capias*. At the time fixed in said *capias* said judge shall take such testimony as may be adduced respecting the charge contained in said petition. The accused may be represented by counsel, and the county judge may, if he deems it necessary, require the county solicitor, if there be such in said county, otherwise the State attorney, to appear at said hearing and represent the State of Florida and the accused therein.